applications from NRIs for DTA sales are being entertained by the GOI provided the proposal involves 100 per cent NRI|foreign equity, with a minimum of 51 per cent on non-repatriable basis.

The details of applications are not divulged till a final decision is taken thereon.

(c) Yes, Sir. The units are allowed to be located only in centrally declared category A or B backward areas.

Assistance for mushroom processing by the tribals

3623. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH:

SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accorded approval to the proposal regarding assistance for the development of infrastructural facilities for mushroom processing by the tribals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the efforts made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Food processing Industries is implementing a plan Scheme which seeks to provide assistance for setting up of Compost pasteurisation facilities; Spawn Lab; and facilities for processing of mushrooms. Since 1991-92, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has provided assistance to the organisations in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Nagaland; Mizoram and Madhya Pradesh for the development of infrastructural facilities for mushroom processing by tribals of the area, the details of which are as under:—

Sr. No.	Name of the State	Year & Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)			
		91-92	92-93	93-94	94-95
1	Andhra Pradesh	34.297	..	..	..
2	Bihar	4.650	..	..	6.180
3	Madhya Pradesh	..	..	5.900	..
4	Mizoram.	..	29.800	..	..
5	Nagaland	..	6.000	..	22.650

Assistance to States to promote Food Processing Industries

3624. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to provide grants|assistance to States to promote Food Processing Industries; if so, what are the details thereof, indicating the assistance provide to backward areas;

(b) the time till such subsidy would continue to be provided to these areas;

(c) what is the number of industries established in Haryana under this scheme during this year;

(d) whether Government have convened any meeting of Chief Ministers in this regard; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?